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GIVEN THE SLIP

APIA left winger Kerklaan slips the ball past Saints' 'keeper Clarke for APIA's third goal on Sunday. All match details on page two.

ROMA TOUR REVENUE SPLIT MAY FINALLY UNITE WARRING STATES

The distribution of gate money at the coming AS Roma matches is expected to be one of the liveliest issues at this week-end's Annual General Meeting of the Australian Federation in Sydney.

The split-up of gate receipts has always been a sore point with State federations in the past and this year will be no exception as most States feel they are entitled to a bigger share of the gates for international matches.

Last year the ASF kept the entirety of the Torpedo Moscow tour profits — $44,131 — and the State federations were given the Chelsea profits — $16,965.

As the Chelsea profit was divided between six States, the amount allocated to each was very small and caused a lot of heartburn among clubs.

● Early deal

The ASF, however, could not be blamed for this state of affairs as it was agreed long before that the States would get all the gate-money for Chelsea and none for Torpedo.

It was the clubs' bad luck that Chelsea drew very small gates and Torpedo attracted much bigger crowds than expected.

In order to avoid a repetition of last year's dissatisfaction regarding the splitting of gate receipts the ASF executive and some States have made recommendations to the AGM.

The ASF recommends that any net profit in excess of $20,000 be distributed to State federations in proportion to their gate receipts.

Queensland's recommendation is that for all future tours the ASF shall retain 25 per cent. of the net profit or $20,000, whichever is the greater.

The Queensland recommendation also calls for the ASF to pay all expenses from their share of the profit.

● Money earned

The other 75 per cent. is to be distributed according to the income earned by each State from international matches.

Western Australia will recommend at the AGM that the ASF retain 50 per cent. of the profit from all future tours with the remainder divided amongst the States on basis of Council votes.

This recommendation is certain to be defeated as the ASF executive itself is unlikely to favor retaining such a big slice of the profits.

It appears likely that Queensland's recommendation will be adopted without too much discussion as it appears the most logical.

— LOU GAUTIER

ANOTHER STAR TO SYDNEY?

Melbourne may lose yet another star player to Sydney in the pending transfer of Croatia's star forward, Hammy McMeechan.

It is small satisfaction for the game in Victoria's capital that considerable cash is added to the coffers of the clubs here.

In the case of McMeechan the Croatia management make it perfectly clear they have no desire to sell this star forward.

But the player himself has had the "Sydney bug" for time and since gaining international recognition for Australia in the World Cup games he has been tempted by the lucrative signing-on and playing terms which other top Australian players have received.

A Scot from Glasgow Hammy (right Christian name is Hamilton) had senior experience with Carlisle United and Exeter City in England before coming to Australia to join Slavia three years ago.

Gaining several representative honors against interstate and overseas sides McMeechan was transferred from Slavia to Croatia last season for a fee reported to be well in excess of four figures.

Equally at home at inside forward or on either wing position there are many critics who reckon that as an outside right McMeechan is superior to either Roy Blitz and Archie Campbell.

As an inside forward he can be devastating and productive.

— BOB LOW.

FRANK PARSONS VOWS:

'We'll get Sydney soccer back on its feet again'

The new president of the NSW Federation, Frank Parsons, has many attributes which outfit him ideally for his post.

A 39-year-old assistant headmaster by profession, Frank Parsons has had no affiliation with any clubs since his retirement from active soccer in 1954.

All past NSW presidents were former club executives.

Parsons as a player qualified for the title of "star".

He started playing senior soccer at Adamstown and transferred to Leichhardt in 1946.

In 1947 he was selected at centre forward to play for NSW against South Africa, at Henson Park.

"We lost 1-0, largely because of me", he recalled it this week.

"I had two absolute 'sitters' but missed them both.

"We could have won that match fairly easily."

Still, his debut was successful: the young forward had a very good game.

"I played against their ferocious centre half, Ferriman who had earlier ended the playing career of Reg Date.

"During the match Ferriman threatened to 'kick me off the pitch', so we really had a duel.

"It was a rough, dirty match . . ."

In 1948 Parsons first played for Australia, on the New Zealand tour.

From then on, for many years, he was almost a regular in both the NSW and Australian teams.

The biggest fee he ever received for playing a match was $10 in 1951, when Australia lost 1-4 to the English FA team.

"I think the most I ever made in one season was $114, with Leichhardt", he recalls.

"And we thought we were well paid . . ."

In 1954, at the very early age 27, Parsons retired.

He wasn't forced to do so by injury, he didn't switch to another sport; he was just trying to make some money and soccer wasn't lucrative enough those days.

"I got married and we needed a house.

"So I approached Leichhardt for a loan.

"They refused, so I wanted to accept an offer from Bankstown.

"But Leichhardt wouldn't give me a clearance.

"As those days you signed for life, I chucked it in".

Frank Parsons eventually did get his house where he still lives with his wife, two daughters and son.

But to get it he had to work many extra hours in several odd jobs—besides his teaching career.

Parsons is one of those men who has soccer in his blood.

"Ever since I was a boy I couldn't live without it", he said.

"When I didn't play it, I watched it.

"The boys in my school play soccer because I really believe that it provides them with superior skill to the one they could get from rugby.

"It gives them a ball sense, something they could never acquire from rugby."

Some two years ago Frank Parsons gained election to the management committee of NSW and soon after became one of its vice-presidents.

As newly elected president of the NSW Federation, Frank Parsons hopes to help soccer to stage a revival.

"We don't plan sweeping changes in the near future", he told me this week.

"We'd like the clubs to strengthen their own structures because the Federation is only as strong as its member clubs.

"I think in recent years there has been a little too much interference by clubs in the Federation's administration.

"Clubs should try to run their affairs and leave policy matters to the management committee and the Council.

"In 1965 too many international fixtures caused a drop in club standards and attendances.

"I lam certain that this year we will take the first vital steps back towards a boom.

"This is really my ambition and if I didn't believe that it was possible, I wouldn't have accepted the presidency which I regard as the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me."

— PAUL DEAN.

FRIDAY MATCHES MAY DRAW WELL

St. George may try to stage their match against Pan Hellenic Friday evening next week.

The match is set down for Sunday week at Hurstville Oval.

If they are successful with their bid, the match will be held at Marks Field.

Croatia have already secured three Friday night dates at Redfern Oval for their home matches against APIA (July 8), Pan Hellenic (July 22) and St. George (August 5).

It seems likely that Friday night competition matches will be popular with the Sydney public.

The only time this experiment was tried was in 1963 when Yugal met South Coast at Redfern Oval in an incident-packed match.

TABLES COMPETITION

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

APIA	1	—	—	3	—	2
Croatia	1	—	—	3	—	2
Prague	1	—	—	3	1	2
SCU	1	—	—	5	3	2
Corinthians	—	1	—	—	—	1
Yugal	—	1	—	—	—	1
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	3	5	—
Hakoah	—	—	1	1	3	—
Cumberland	—	—	1	—	3	—
St. George	—	—	1	—	3	—

Grade II.

Hakoah	1	—	—	4	—	2
Yugal	1	—	—	4	—	2
Croatia	1	—	—	4	1	2
St. George	1	—	—	3	1	2
SCU	1	—	—	2	1	2
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	1	2	—
APIA	—	—	1	1	3	—
Cumberland	—	—	1	1	4	—
Corinthians	—	—	1	—	4	—
Prague	—	—	1	—	4	—

Grade III.

Prague	1	—	—	7	—	2
APIA	1	—	—	1	—	2
Pan Hellenic	1	—	—	3	1	2
Corinthians	1	—	—	2	1	2
Croatia	—	1	—	1	1	1
Cumberland	—	1	—	1	1	1
Yugal	—	—	1	1	2	—
SCU	—	—	1	1	3	—
St. George	—	—	1	—	1	—
Hakoah	—	—	1	—	7	—

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

Granville	1	—	—	7	—	2
Bankstown	1	—	—	6	3	2
M. Eagles	1	—	—	2	1	2
Canterbury	1	—	—	5	3	2
Hornsby NE	—	1	—	2	2	1
Polonia NS	—	1	—	2	2	1
Western Utd.	—	—	1	3	5	—
W. Olympic	—	—	1	1	2	—
Syd. Austral	—	—	1	3	6	—
Sutherland	—	—	1	—	7	—

Grade II.

M. Eagles	1	—	—	5	—	2
Granville	1	—	—	3	—	2
Polonia NS	1	—	—	1	—	2
Bankstown	1	—	—	5	1	2
Canterbury	1	—	—	2	1	2
Western Utd.	—	—	1	1	2	—
Syd. Austral	—	—	1	1	5	—
Hornsby NE	—	—	1	—	1	—
Sutherland	—	—	1	—	3	—
W. Olympic	—	—	1	—	5	—

INTER-SUBURBAN TABLES

First Division

Concordia	2	—	—	7	4	4
Manly	2	—	—	8	5	4
N. Bankstown	1	1	—	6	4	3
W. Waratah	1	—	1	8	6	2
Marconi	1	—	1	4	3	2
Thistle	1	—	1	5	4	2
Lane Cove	1	—	1	3	4	2
S. Sydney	—	1	—	4	7	1
Artarmon	—	—	2	3	6	—
Belmore	—	—	2	1	6	—

Second Division

Ryde	2	—	—	14	3	4
Syd. Uni.	2	—	—	5	2	4
Uni. NSW	2	—	—	5	2	4
Marrickville	2	—	—	4	3	4
NS Inter	1	—	1	10	5	2
Auburn	1	—	1	3	3	2
Lidcombe	—	—	2	3	6	—
Kewpies	—	—	2	2	5	—
E. Sydney	—	—	2	4	12	—
Padstow	—	—	2	1	10	—

Third Division

Penrith	2	—	—	3	—	4
Yagoona	2	—	—	7	4	4
Liverpool	1	—	1	11	6	2
Arncliffe	1	—	1	5	3	2
Willoughby	1	—	1	5	4	2
Guildford	1	—	1	2	3	2
Western Subs.	1	—	1	4	8	2
Warringah	—	1	1	5	8	1
Rapids	—	1	1	3	5	1
Gymea	—	—	2	3	7	—

Fourth Division

E. Sydney	2	—	—	10	3	4
All Stars	2	—	—	8	3	4
L'pool Inter	1	—	1	14	3	2
Dee Why	1	—	1	8	4	2
Condell Pk.	—	1	—	1	1	1
Blacktown	—	1	1	3	7	1
Bankstown	—	—	2	3	20	—
Smithfield	—	—	1	1	8	—

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION

(First and Second Grades)

Hakoah v. Prague	4-0	0-7
Croatia v. Cumberl'd	4-1	1-1
St. George v. APIA	3-1	0-1
Yugal v. Corinthians	4-0	1-2
SCU v. Pan Hellenic	2-1	1-3

SECOND DIVISION

(Second and Third Grades)

S. Austral v. Bankstown	3-6	1-5
Canterb'y v. Western Utd.	5-3	2-1
Granville v. Sutherl'd	7-0	3-0
M. Eagles v. W. Olympic	2-1	5-0
Polonia v. Hornsby NE	2-2	1-0

LEADING SCORERS

E. Freeme (SCU)	3
J. Galambos Croatia)	2
W. Kerklaan (APIA)	2
G. Sleight (Prague)	2
B. Smith (Pan Hellenic)	2
E. Tolhurst (SCU)	2

DIVISION I REFEREES

Cumberland v. Hakoah — K. Lockrey; APIA v. Croatia — J. Scarborough; Prague v. South Coast — H. Eilerts; Corinthians v. St. George — I. Timms; Yugal v. Pan Hellenic — F. Woolman.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS	HOW THEY LINED UP	SUMMING UP THE MATCHES
St. George 0 (0)	M. Clarke 3; H. Stegbauer (sent off), R. Hillary 2; M. Schaefer 3, P. Banicevic 3, S. Isaac 4; W. Todd 2, J. Warren 2, D. Sandell 2, G. Yardley 4, V. Fernandez 3. TOTAL: 28 Coach: L. Hegyes.	After the tremendous build-up, this match was a great disappointment. An incredible number of bad passes, aimless, wild kicking and spiteful tackles characterised the match which was by far the poorest clash between these teams for years. APIA defended well and scored all three goals from quick counter-attacks but even they showed a very indifferent form, especially in the forward line where apart from clever opportunism one saw little from such stars as Blue and Campana. St. George were weak from top to bottom, displaying an amazing nervousness and trepidation which then led to the complete break-down of their well-versed style. Referee: A. Boskovic. Crowd: 6,100. — PAUL DEAN
A.P.I.A 3 (1) J. Watkiss 9 min., W. Kerklaan 48 & 73 mins.	W. Rorke 4; C. Van Blerk 4, G. Nuttall (sent off); D. Muir 3, J. Sambrook 4, F. Bottalico 4; J. Giacometti 3, R. Campana 3, J. Watkiss 3, A. Blue 3, W. Kerklaan 3. TOTAL: 34 Coach: J. Marston	
Hakoah 1 (1) J. Duffy 42 min.	P. Fuzes 3; *T. Edwards* 5, D. Smith 2; D. Walsh 4, C. Thomson 3, D. Edwards 4; R. Fekete 2, J. Harding 4, H. Ninaus 3, J. Duffy 3, D. Holden 3. TOTAL: 36 Coach: T. Jelisavcic	In a shock reversal of form Prague scored the biggest upset win of the opening round. It was all Hakoah in the first half but precipitation and also incredible bad luck in front of goal prevented them from gaining a match-winning lead at halftime. Prague were deprived of the ball for the entire half and only scored when Sleight, the best player on the field, slammed the ball into the net, despite the entire Hakoah team being in the goalmouth, from a freekick. Prague had a better share of the ball in the second half, particularly mid-field where Hakoah were all at sea with Duffy and David Edwards getting in each other's way. Sleight capped a great display with another fine goal and Hoare made it 3-1 after Fuzes mistimed a weak shot. Hakoah were a shadow of the team which had played so impressively in the Ampol Cup and badly missed Marñoch and Hillsdon. Referee: A. R. Brown. Crowd: 1,800. — LOU GAUTIER
Prague 3 (1) G. Sleight 24& 57 mins., R. Hoare 84 min.	*I. Kelly* 5; G. Harcombe 3, A. Falzon 4; G. Jones 4, D. Zeman 3, J. Tracey 3; V. Povey 3, *G. Sleight* 5, A. Moravcik 4, R. Hoare 2, M. Kvacek 2. TOTAL: 38 Coach: S. Cambal	
Yugal 0 (0)	B. Nezmah 3; I. Nacinovic 3, S. Rafaneli 3; L. Lazarevic 4, M. Stojanovic 4, F. Dunaj 3; J. Alagich 3, T. Magyar 2, S. Bobic 2, S. Fray 2, S. Pacanin 3. TOTAL: 32 Coach: F. Dunaj	Two weak sets of forwards were easily subdued by both defences in a match where all the play was centred midfield. Yugal applied negative tactics, crowding the middle instead of using their speedy wingers to advantage. Star of the match was Corinthians' giant centre-half Robinson who had a field day breaking up Yugal's attacks. Yugal had most of the play but their forwards lacked punch and there was no cohesion between them and their halves. Corinthians, fielding two reserves, concentrated on defence and rarely went up into attack. The match produced mediocre football and was one long yawn despite the uncertainty which prevailed until the final whistle. Referee: N. Jones. Crowd: 1.016. — LINCOLN WATERS
Corinthians 0 (0)	D. Griffin 3; M. Moulson 3, H. Noon 4; W. Macarthy 3, *R. Robinson* 5, B. Williams 3; D. Clapton 3, T. Hill 2, R. Cudmore 2, W. Yates 2, G. Stanley 2. TOTAL: 32 Coach: F. Broome	
Croatia 3 (2) R. Giles 3 min., J. Galambos 16 & 85 mins.	O. Collazo 4; *B. Lincoln* 5, P. Bonham 4; R. Baker 3, R. Murua 3, R. Fraser 4; A. Dove 3, E. Massey 3, F. Cush 3, R. Giles 4, J. Galambos 3. TOTAL: 39 Coach: L. Baumgartner	Croatia could have been five goals up after 16 minutes instead of "only" leading 2-0. "Fed" with excellent balls from fullbacks Lincoln and Bonham, the Croatia forwards were continuously on the attack but poor shooting cost them a big first half lead. Cumberland were dangerous at times but they found Croatia's defence too tight. In the second half Croatia were again in full command but Cumberland gave an improved display in defence and restricted Croatia to one goal. Cumberland were handicapped when centre-forward Brownlie got injured and was a "passenger" for most of the second half. Referee: D. Buchan. Crowd: 1.400. — EINAR PERSEN
Cumberland 0 (0)	J. Brommett 4; A. Smith 3, J. Mucillo 4; N. Townsend 3, P. Keen 3, J. Richardson 3; M. O'Neill 3, J. Fernie 4, J. Brownlie 2 (injured), D. Goldie 4, J. Bryce 2. TOTAL: 35 Coach: L. Quested	
Sth. Coast 5 (2) E. Tolhurst 32 & 42 mins., E. Freeme 47, 50 & 52 mins.	I. Astill 3; P. Woods 4, A. Ringland 4; *P. Carr* 5, *J. Harris* 5, B. Salisbury4; E. Tolhurst 4, E. Mullan 3, T. Mulqueeney (sent off), *E. Freeme* 5, D. Patterson 3. TOTAL: 40 Coach: J. Harris	Playing their best football of the season, South Coast were on top from the outset. Pan Hellenic surprised, however, by scoring first — against the run of the play — but from then until late in the second half it was all South Coast. Tolhurst scored two goals, the second direct from a corner kick. Freeme netted three goals in five minutes in his first premiership game with the club. South Coast led 5-1 before Pan Hellenic came back into the game. The visitors, where only Smith rose above the mediocre, failed badly and their defence was again incredibly weak. Referee: H. Parsons. Crowd: 3,100. — RICK BRUCE
P. Hellenic 3 (1) B. Smith 30 & 64 mins., D. Logan 66 min.	H. Rademacher 3; D. Johnston 2, D. Wright 3; G. McCulloch 3, P. Mallard 3, J. Sanchez 2; D. Logan 3, B. Smith 4, S. Patrinos 3, J. Karayanis 3, R. Blitz 2. TOTAL: 31 Coach: W. Tamandl	

TOP TEN LINE-UPS

APIA
W. RORKE
C. VAN BLERK
F. BOTTALICO
D. MUIR
J. SAMBROOK
J. WATKISS
G. McKINNON
R. CAMPANA
A. BLUE
W. KERKLAAN
G. GIACOMETTI

CROATIA
D. COLLAZO
B. LINCOLN
P. BONHAM
R. FRASER
G. LEDEZMA
R. BAKER
A. DOVE
E. MASSEY
J. GALAMBOS
R. GILES
V. REYNOLDS

CUMBERLAND
J. BROMETT
W. ADDISON
J. MUCILLO
N. TOWNSEND
P. KEEN
J. RICHARDSON
J. KEDDIE
M. O'NEIL
J. FERNIE
D. GOLDIE
J. BRYCE

HAKOAH
P. FUZES
T. EDWARDS
I. HILLSDON
D. WALSH
A. MARNOCH
D. EDWARDS
D. REID
J. HARDING
H. NINAUS
J. DUFFY
D. HOLDEN

PAN HELLENIC
P. RADEMACHER
D. JOHNSTON
D. WRIGHT
J. SANCHEZ
P. MALLARD
S. PATRINOS
R. BLITZ
B. SMITH
W. TAMANDL
J. KARYANNIS
D. LOGAN

YUGAL
B. NEZMAH
I. NACINOVIC
S. RAFANELI
L. LAZAREVIC
M. STOJANOVIC
F. DUNAJ
J. ALAGICH
S. BOWMAN
S. BOBIC
A. VICEVIC
S. PACANIN

CORINTHIANS
D. GRIFFIN
M. MOULSON
H. NOON
W. MACARTHY
R. ROBINSON
B. WILLIAMS
D. CLAPTON
T. HILL
R. CUDMORE
S. HART
G. STANLEY

ST. GEORGE
M. CLARKE
H. STEGBAUER
R. HILLARY
M. SCHAEFER
P. BANICEVIC
S. ISAAC
W. TODD
J. WARREN
D. SANDELL
G. YARDLEY
V. FERNANDEZ

PRAGUE
I. KELLY
G. HARCOMBE
A. FALZON
G. JONES
D. ZEMAN
J. TRACEY
V. POVEY
G. SLEIGHT
A. MORAVCIK
R. HOARE
M. KVACEK

SCU
I. ASTILL
P. WOODS
A. RINGLAND
P. CARR
J. HARRIS
B. SALISBURY
P. BEATTIE
E. MULLAN
T. MULQUEENEY
E. FREEME
D. PATTERSON

TEAM OF THE WEEK

I. KELLY (Prague)
B. LINCOLN (Croatia)
P. BONHAM (Croatia)
P. CARR (SCU)
R. ROBINSON (Corinthians)
B. SALISBURY (SCU)
E. TOLHURST (SCU)
G. SLEIGHT (Prague)
A. MORAVCIK (Prague)
E. FREEME (SCU)
W. KERKLAAN (APIA)

Can Croatia stop this splendid APIA machine?

BY PAUL DEAN

The defeats of Hakoah and Pan Hellenic and the loss of a point by Yugal added a surprising twist to Sydney's opening round last week.

The form of most teams was only mediocre and a fair degree of improvement can be expected in the next week or so.

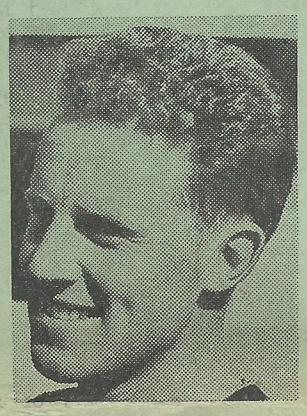
These are the pairings for the weekend:

Cumberland v. Hakoah

In recent years Cumberland always made a great start and in that light their defeat of last week was rather surprising.

Even more so, one may add, after having seen Croatia struggling in the Cup against Yugal.

Cumberland's main hope lies in scoring some quick goals from counter-attacks, the present vogue in Sydney.



GOLDIE (Cumberland)

With Goldie, Fernie and Keddie they can do this, too.

Hakoah's splendid unity has been disturbed by the injuries of Hillsdon and Marnoch.

In the attack they also need a second striker with Ninaus—and until Hood or Christie return to duty, they will have scoring problems.

However, against Cumberland they may have a slightly easier task than last week and should run out winners after a close struggle.

Watch for: Fernie in Cumberland back to his best.

APIA v. Croatia

I cannot see how this solid APIA could be beaten by a rather disjointed Croatia—but of course, in soccer it's possible.

APIA deserve praise for their magnificent fighting spirit which gets them out of trouble even when their form is patchy.

Their defence is tough as nail while the forwards need only a few chances to score.

Croatia appear to have the players to do the trick—but not the team.

They don't seem to play to any preconceived pattern and this shows up badly in their forward play.

Not too surprisingly, their two most tireless workers are Lincoln and Baker, neither an expensive "star".

Without playmaker Reynolds they cannot expect to bother APIA though Croatia is just the team that can play brilliantly one week and very badly the next.

Still, APIA should hold them at bay and score another victory with relative ease.

Watch for: Sambrook in APIA becoming Sydney's best one-man defensive wall.

Prague v. South Coast

Two surprise winners of last week clash here in what may be a very entertaining match.

Prague, once again buried too soon, are still quite capable of upsetting the best.

Even without Scheinflug they have the ability to dictate the trend of play and Sleight plays a big part in this.

South Coast, with an experienced defence and a talented young forward quintet, are a 90-minute team that will not succumb easily.

The whirlwind type of attack they favor can upset any defence, especially a slow one like Prague's.

This could be a very close match with a tight result but the odds favor slightly Prague.

If the South Coast forwards hit another purple patch, however, they can cause an upset, otherwise they may be glad to settle for a draw.

Watch for: Sleight ruling the roost in the middle and scoring goals.

Corinthians v. St. George

Treasuring their unexpected point gained last week, Corinthians will certainly go flat out for yet another surprise.

In all probabilities, they will arrange their team so as to keep their net intact, even if that means another scoreless draw.

St. George have had two poor games last weekend and cannot be too sure of collecting the points here.

Some of their key forwards are in a slump and so are at least two defenders, Schaefer and Hillary.

It seems the timing of the team's form for the competition start has been faulty, otherwise it's hard to understand how they could still play such poor pre-season stuff.

However, the Saints are loaded with talent and sooner or later this must come through.

We expect them to win but not without having some anxious moments.

Watch for: Isaac in St. George shining in defence.

Pan Hellenic v. Yugal

Two teams destined for better things will clash here for the points.

Pan Hellenic are still having defensive troubles—in their last two official matches they have conceded 11 goals.

BLITZ (Pan Hellenic)

Against Yugal things may be a bit calmer, though, and the question is whether the Hellenic forwards can retain their scoring form?

Yugal are a strange team, playing at a leisurely pace and often appearing blase about their fate.

But this is only their style, stamped on the side by Dunaj, Lazarevic and Stojanovic who like to slow the pace down to suit their intricate close interpassing.

Pan Hellenic may not allow this and if they exhibit their normal dash, they may grab both points.

Watch for: Dunaj once again the masterful tactician.

PAVIONS

RESULT SCOREBOARD

	S. Coast	St. George	APIA	Yugal	Prague	Hakoah	Croatia	Cumberland	Pan Hellenic	Corinthians
South Coast Utd.	●								5-3	
St. George		●	0-3							
APIA			●							
Yugal				●						0-0
Prague					●					
Hakoah					1-3	●				
Croatia							●			
Cumberland								3-0	●	
Pan Hellenic										●
Corinthians										

POSTMORTEM

Spirited Canterbury was no pushover

– says John Warren

"I'm glad this game is over", said St. George inside right Johnny Warren as he sipped a can of soft drink amongst a tired lot of team-mates in the dressing room after the Federation Cup quarterfinal against Canterbury last Monday.

"Our previous day's hard tussle with APIA took a lot out of us.

"Canterbury still play with the old Berries' spirit and never 'say die'.

"They are as hard as any first division side to play against.

"In fact if they had anyone to finish off their attacks, we could have been in serious trouble", Warren said.

Warren first started his soccer career with the Botany Methodist church team in the Protestant Churches competition.

In 1958 he followed in the footsteps of his brothers, Ross and Geoff, and joined Canterbury-Marrickville.

It was there he first came into prominence.

And he remembers with gratitude the help and advice he got from coaches like "Uncle" Joe Vlasits, Leo Baumgartner and Denis Adrigan.

That's undoubtedly were he learned to become a great positional player and a clever schemer.

After five years with Canterbury, he was transferred to St. George.

"Our coach Laurie Hegyes is more than a coach.

"He is like father to all the players", he said.

Young Johnny has earned praise everywhere for his skill, team spirit and sportmanship.

"Soccer is full of thrills and memorable occasions.

"The greatest moment so far in my life was to represent Australia against North Korea in Cambodia in the second World Cup tie.

"The crowd was around 55,000 and it all seemed fantastic.

"I was overwhelmed by the occasion, but once the game started I was too busy to take any notice".

— EINAR PERSEN.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Cumberland v. Hakoah — Mona Park
APIA v. Croatia — under floodlights at Marks Field
Western U. v. Sydney Austral — Francis Park, Blackt'n
Bankstown v. Polonia-NS — Bankstown Oval

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Prague v. South Coast Utd. — Marks Field
Corinthians v. St. George — Jubilee Oval, Glebe
Pan Hellenic v. Yugal — Wentworth Park
Sutherland v. Canterbury — Seymour Shaw Park
Wollongong Ol. v. Granville-AEK — Balgownie Oval
Hornsby-NE v. Melita Eagles — Pennant Hills Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Prague v. Cumberland — Marks Field
Croatia v. Corinthians — Erskineville Oval
Sydney Austral v. Sutherland — SCG No. 2
Bankstown v. Western United — Bankstown Oval
Canterbury v. Wollongong Olympic — Arlington Oval

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Hakoah v. APIA — Wentworth Park
St. George v. Pan Hellenic — Hurstville Oval
South Coast United v. Yugal — Woonona Oval
Granville v. Hornsby NE — Macarthur Park
Polonia v. Melita Eagles — Drummoyne Oval

MONDAY, APRIL 25

FEDERATION CUP QUARTERFINALS

Hakoah v. Polonia — Wentworth Park 1.15 p.m.
APIA v. SCU — Wentworth Park 3.00 p.m.

TIPSTERS' CORNER

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	RICK BRUCE	MARCEL NAGY	MOST FAV
Cumberland v. Hakoah	2	2	2	2	2	2
APIA v. Croatia	1	1	x	1	1	1
Prague v. SCU	x	1	1	2	1	1
Corinthians v. St. George	2	2	x	2	2	2
Pan Hellenic v. Yugal	1	1	1	1	2	1
Western Utd. v. Syd. Austral	2	x	x	2	2	2
Bankstown v. Polonia	2	2	x	2	2	2
Sutherland v. Canterbury	x	2	2	2	2	2
Wollong. Ol. v. Granville	2	1	1	1	1	1
Hornsby-NE v. M. Eagles	2	2	x	2	2	2

Inter Suburban League results, teams, scorers

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

First Division

Concordia v. Wenty Waratah 5-4 2-2, South Sydney v. North Bankstown 3-3 0-1, Lane Cove v. Marconi 2-0 0-3, Manly v. Artarmon 4-3 5-0, Belmore v. Thistle 0-3 3-2.

Second Division

Sydney Uni. v. Lidcombe 3-1 3-1,, Marrickville v. Padstow RSL — *3-1, Auburn Juniors v. Uni. NSW 0-1 7-0, Ryde v. Granville Kewpies 4-2 2-5, NS-Inter v. East Sydney 8-1 3-5.

*Padstow RSL forfeited first grade match.

Third Division

Yagoona v. Liverpool City 4-3 7-0; Willoughby Wanderers v. Gymea 4-2 0-2, Warringah Saints v. Arncliffe Scots 2-5 1-1, Western Suburbs v. Riverside Rapids 2-0 4-0; Penrith v. Guildford 2-0 0-3.

Fourth Division

East Side v. Smithfield 8-1 —*, Condell Park v. Blacktown Spurs 1-1 2-0; Bankstown RSL v. Dee Why 2-7 1-2, Granville All Stars v. Liverpool Inter 2-1 4-0.

*Smithfield forfeited second grade.

K.O. Cup

Auburn Juniors v. Riverside Rapids 3-1; Manly v. Padstow RSL 10-0; Bankstown v. Yagoona 2-7; Marrickville v. Belmore 7-0; Wenty Waratahs v. Warringah Saints 6-0; North Bankstown v. Granville All Stars 1-0; Willoughby Wanderers v. Ryde 3-1.

TEAMS

FIRST DIVISION

Lane Cove Utd.: Reed, Dingwall, Gamble, Carter, Jagger, Neal, Thompson, Stanfield, Thomas, Martin, Carr. — **Goals:** Thomas, Carr.

Marconi: Langelaar, Riversi, Zoratto, Okon, Seni, Vasvari, Tonini, Lumin, Pols, Morin.

Referee: A. W. Halls.

SECOND DIVISION

Sydney Uni.: Easton, Curtis, Benedek, Garman, Evans, Harrington, Wild, Mitchell, Williamson, Felk, Houseman.

Lidcombe: Leach, Catton, Ramsey, Johnston, Benton, Rogan, Grant, Hughes, Tribolet, Gibson, Stevenson.

Referee: T. Reid.

Auburn Juniors: Branscombe, Roberts, Harvey, Church, Schofield, Forrester, Falconer, Macguire, Smith, Glassey, Davidson.

Uni. NSW: Williams, Orchard, See, Cheung, Chullabohdi, Stokes, Lui, Fu, Sutherland, Chantrill, Lee. **Goal:** Fu.

Referee: L. Vaness.

Ryde: Lee, Eastabrook, Woolley, Cooper, Porter, Dudley, Follington, Bakaric, Udall, Morgan, Cooper. **Goals:** Bakaric (3), Udall.

Granville Kewpies: B. Twining, Armitage, Rees, Muir, Shepherd, Nowland, R. Twining, McHale, White, Thorley, Racher. **Goals:** McHale, White.

Referee: Summerbell.

Marrickville: Moffatt, Mackin, Battah, Kelly, Murray, McNamee, Mackin, Murphy, Sereni, Hockey, Bennett.

Padstow RSL: did not field a team.

Referee: P. Rampley.

THIRD DIVISION

Yagoona: Mosley, Campbell, McLeod, Parkes, Myers, McAllister, Hicks, Lewis, Hughes, Lewis, Solano.

Liverpool City: Brown, Gennell, Collier, Waite, Biernan, Young, Stephenson, Garrett, Oliver, van Mullekon, Lindsay.

Referee: B. Haydon.

Western Suburbs: Parnell, Newly, Rae, Hinkley, Buxton, Flippin, Williams, Dunn, Stanley, Holmes, Wooley. **Goals:** Stanley, Piwonka, Rapids, own goal.

Riverside Rapids: Anderson, Simmons, Kainz, Neiss, Rossbach, Piwonka, Schlegelhofer, Mileusnic, Hermani, Karlowatz, Ploner.

Referee: Kern.

Willoughby: Tilley, Bamford, Fellows, Loughran, Madrers, Thomas, Westland, Reed, Thompson, Noakes, Lumb. **Goals:** Thompson (2), Noakes, Westland.

Gymea: Waters, Tweedie, Wilson, Aspin, Baumgartner, Aulerich, Gough, Kelly, J. Bowman, van Duren, B. Bowman. **Goals:** Kelly, van Duren.

Referee: N. Micos.

Bankstown RSL: Gosden, Cowley, Coleman, Ballhoyse, Penriotte, Machie, Bauhouse, Williams, Richardson, Murphy, O'Melly.

Dee Why: Butler, Appi, Grant, Campbell, Smith, Sargent, Frazer, Tomlinson, Koen, Coltman, Spencer.

We regret that once again our Inter Suburban League coverage is incomplete.

However, with the mail dispute over and deliveries expected to be back to normal later this week, we hope to include all teams in our next issue.

FOURTH DIVISION

All Stars: Wupper, J. Rush, Newell, Bainbridge, L. Dunscombe, Cuneen, Barry, G. Dunscombe, McCracken, Lindsay, A. Rush. — **Goals:** L. Dunscombe, A. Rush.

Liverpool Inter: Bonadio, Di Stefano, Pratarlon, Chiandotto, Vicario, G. Scala, Grapmanis, Ianni, Ge. Scala, Di Felice, Mauro. — **Goal:** Di Felice.

Referee: F. Denham.

K.O. CUP

Padstow RSL: Slocombe, McGlinn, Clark, Reynolds, Ferry, Slater, Sookee, K. Ryan, T. Ryan, Kelly, Glenday.

Manly W. United: Tuinman, Stelling, Brooks, Verrils, G. Jones, Campbell, Schofield, Nichols, Harris, R. Jones, Waller. — **Goals:** R. Jones (3), Waller (2), Harris (2), Schofield (2), Nichols.

Referee: F. Denham.

Auburn Juniors: Branscombe, Forrester, Harvey, Church, Schofield, Thompson, Kelly, Smith, Falconer, Cabot, Davidson. — **Goals:** Falconer (2), Smith.

Riverside Rapid: Team not reported to referee.

Referee: L. Smit.

North Bankstown: Wupper, Newell, Rush, Cuneen, Dunscombe, Bainbridge, Middleton, Barry, McCracken, Rankin, Rush.

Granville All Stars: Howes, Baker, Audsley, Woodbine, Watson, Lye, Pitman, Duncan, Swinnerton, Evans, Mullins. **Goal:** Evans.

Referee: P. Nikolas.

Wenty Waratah: Thomas, Brown, Blinkhorst, Curtis, Prince, Harrivel, Ollyer, Horder, Young, Royds, Turner.

Warringah Saints: Cardiff, Hanson, Boreham, Daly, Taylor, Colman, Binfield, Bowman, Palogo, Johnstone, Flood.

Referee: L. Rae.

COUNTRY TEAMS TO GET HELP

The plan to be implemented for country juniors this year will ensure that juniors get their biggest boost yet.

There will be a complete exchange of visits on Queen's Birthday week-end, and prestige schoolboy games will be played in Armidale, Canberra, Goulburn and Bathurst, as well as in established city areas.

Club champion sides from Associations in Sydney will play country district representative teams.

The Illawarra and Newcastle areas will co-operate by sending teams away.

In Sydney, the Southern League is operating successfully in under-21s, and the Northern side in under-18s.

Fixture books will be prepared for Junior Championship and Robertson Cup under-21 matches.

NSW Amateur secretary B. J. Emery has been advised that the Central Coast district, based on Gosford, will field almost 100 teams this year.

This is a miraculous growth for a district with hardly a junior player a few years ago.

Rothman's Sports Foundation will provide a book on physical education to all junior clubs in NSW.

Amateur officials much appreciate the gesture.

Rothmans are big donors to other sports.

In New Zealand this year they are providing professional coaches to youth squads right throughout the Dominion.

—Keith Gilmour

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

First Division

Artarmon v. Belmore, Artarmon Reserve; Concordia v. Manly, Tempe Reserve; Thistle v. South Sydney, Knights Park; Wenty Waratahs v. Marconi, Centenary.

Second Division

Granville Kewpies v. Marrickville, Colquhoun Park; Sydney Uni. v. Ryde, St. Paul's Oval.

Third Division

Liverpool City v. Willoughby, Woodward Park; Western Subs. v. Yagoona, Campbell Park; Gymea v. Penrith, Seymour Shaw Park; Guildford v. Warringah, Guildford Park.

Fourth Division

Dee Why v. Granville All Stars, Dee Why; Eastside v. Bankstown RSL, Queens Park.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

First Division

North Bankstown v. Lane Cove, George Green.

Second Division

Padstow RSL v. NS-Inter, Padstow Oval; East Sydney Atlantic v. Auburn Juniors, Mona Park; Lidcombe v. Uni. NSW, Coleman Park.

Third Division

Riverside Rapids v. Arncliffe Scots, Mahoney Park.

Fourth Division

Liverpool Inter v. Condell Park, Jardine Park; Smithfield v. Blacktown Spurs, Smithfield Park.

S.A. SCHOOL TEAM'S VISIT

The South Australian High Schools are keen to send a representative team to play High Schools in NSW in the August-September school holidays.

Two interesting pointers to improving school soccer will soon be evident.

Will sportsmaster's passes admit to the stand as well as the outer for all grounds this year?

In the past soccer has been at a disadvantage, as passes were for the outer ground only, although other codes' passes admitted to stands as well.

And will the ban on grade soccer at Sydney High School continue this year, even though a sizeable number of students last year petitioned for the game?

For those that contend that the sport played is the headmaster's choice and that he can be expected to give preference to his own likes — **it is about time democracy is given a go.**

Restriction of sports to the detriment of soccer is being practiced less and less, but it should have vanished entirely by now.

BANKSTOWN MAY UPSET MORE FANCIED POLES

— *By MIKE RENWICK* —

Hornsby-North End's shock 2-2 draw against Polonia-NS was the highlight of Sydney's second division opening round last weekend.

Otherwise there were no surprises but many goals were scored—31 all told.

With the exception of Polonia, all the contenders for promotion had fine wins, although Canterbury and Melita Eagles didn't have things all their way.

GRANVILLE v. SUTHERLAND 7-0

After an even first half Granville took over completely to score six good goals.

Highlight of the match was a three-goal scoring burst by Ambos in the space of eight minutes.

Best players for Granville were Lorenzutta and Ambos; for Sutherland, Caulfield.

Granville: Pondekas, Dacovanos, Anderson, White, Lorenzutta, Smith, Lloyd, Tran, Young, Creely, Ambos. **Goals:** Ambos (4), Young (2), Creely.

Sutherland: Morgan, McKerny, J. Travers, Moore, Shrubsole, Griffith, Caulfield, Davidson, B. Travers, Whiteman, Gilham.

Referee: I. Timms.

CANTERBURY v. WESTERN UTD. 5-3

Down 0-4 after 65 minutes, Western United staged a grandstand finish with two great goals by stalwart Felix Melinz.

Canterbury gave their depleted opponents a soccer lesson for an hour but had the match lasted another 10 minutes Western United could have drawn as they really clicked at the finish.

Canterbury: Taylor, Kirgin, Dricos, Geppart, Mechtler, Clarke, Grapsis, Romanos, Newman, Halak, Jamieson. **Goals:** Romanos (2), Halak (2), Newman.

Western United: Krischener, Putrie, McLaren, Hodge, Cooper, Wilkins, McIntosh, Melinz, Andrews, Bennett, Sharpe. **Goals:** Melinz (2), McIntosh.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

SYDNEY AUSTRAL v. BANKSTOWN 6-3

Bankstown's speedy forwards showed plenty of dash and opportunism to win an entertaining match.

Down 0-1, Bankstown scored five times to lead 5-1 before Adrian Smit scored twice for Sydney Austral but the young Bankstown side (average age — 18) clinched the match with a goal by Shepherd.

Austral 'keeper Gerry de Vries had a poor match against his former team-mates.

Sydney Austral: De Vries, Omeros, Iro, Erasmus, Westerveld, White, Pearce, Bosklopper, Bykerk, Martin, Smit. **Goals:** Smit (2), Bosklopper.

Bankstown: Logan, Turnbull, Fitzgerald, Brennan, Cowling, Madden, Stiffle, Bamforth, Shepherd, Grange, Clark. **Goals:** Bamforth (3), Stiffle, Clark, Shepherd.

Referee: N. Anderson.

POLONIA v. HORNSBY-NE 2-2

Hornsby-North End played intelligent football to counter Polonia's galaxy of stars.

Grim defence allied with clever breakaways earned them a shock, but deserved draw.

Polonia had most of the play, but their forwards made little impression on Lapwood's men.

Polonia: Drewniak, Filok, Cebula, Oliver, Nowacki, Komoder, Gaik, Hajduk, Witczak, Krawiarz, Morgan. **Goals:** Hajduk, Witczak.

Hornsby-NE: McDonald, Lapwood, Vickers, Bottrill, Booth, Chenowurth, Englefield, Murray, Hickey, Bastas, Dickerson. **Goals:** Dickerson, Bastas.

Referee: H. Eilerts.

MELITA EAGLES v. WOLLONGONG OL. 2-1

A crowd of nearly 2,000 at Macarthur Park last Sunday saw Melita Eagles' Jim Hewlett score two goals to clinch a narrow, exciting victory for his team.

The match was played at a fast and furious pace.

Melita Eagles had more scoring chances but Wollongong Olympic, too, had their moments and, towards the end, came close to equalizing.

Melita's best players were Cilia, Jaros, Mario Azzopardi and Hewlett and the visitors' outstanding players were Egbers, Muhlbauer and Isedale.

Melita Eagles: Gatt, Fazackerley, Cossettini, Muscat, Cilia, Jaros, Brown, Hewlett, Chapman, M. Azzopardi, L. Azzopardi. **Goals:** Hewlett (2).

Wollongong Olympic: Delhaas, Thominey, Russell, Pinazza, Isedale, Semister, Davidson, Egbers, Harley, Muhlbauer, Waterman. **Goal:** Egbers.

Referee: J. Gibbons.

THIS WEEKEND

Best match this weekend will be the Bankstown-Polonia clash at Bankstown Oval on Saturday.

The young Bankstown side's speed may worry Polonia's seasoned campaigners just as Hornsby did last week.

In the other Saturday match, Western United may inaugurate their new headquarters with a win over Sydney Austral at Francis Park, Blacktown.

On Sunday, Canterbury and Granville should overcome the disadvantage of playing away and beat Sutherland and Wollongong Olympic respectively.

The Hornsby-Melita Eagles match at Pennant Hills Oval promises to be close and exciting, but Melita should win narrowly.

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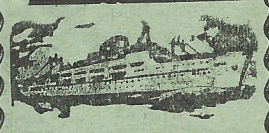

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'Big guns' face tough opposition from battling small fry

— From BOB LOW in Melbourne —

Coming up for the fourth round of the State League championship it is interesting to note that in practically every game the "glamor" sides are directly opposed to the smaller fry.

However, with several of the big guns slipping from grace and a few of the "small fry" hitting the headlines, there could be more shocks in store this weekend.

Alexander will have scant respect for Slavia irrespective of the Port club's impressive record over the past few years.

The Greek - sponsored side with a strong Scottish blend have no inferior complex, and could steal a point.

Unless Lions pull up their socks they are heading for relegation which has threatened them every season of their three year spell in the State League.

Their opponents, Melbourne have more skill and this alone should win them the points.

Juventus are suffering from the effects of many management as well as team changes but Croatia will go wary here as the Italian support can hardly be appeased much longer without some success.

Still, Croatia look too good to lose.

JUST look a good bet against Wilhelmina who are improving and despite their dismal success of the past few seasons always cause a few upsets.

Polonia against George Cross could be the outstanding game of the round.

Polonia are definitely on the "up and up" and may account for a George Cross which are struggling.

Decisively defeating Hellas in the night soccer, Hakoah have opened up on a disastrous note in the league.

And although Hellas have shown little better results the Greek side have played well without taking full advantage of their chances.

So it's odds-on a Hellas win.

JUVENTUS LOSE YET ANOTHER MATCH

Summaries of the third round in the Victorian State League:

Hellas v. Juventus 1-0

A crowd of 12,000 saw Greek international centre-forward Nestorides score the winning goal.

It wasn't easy for Hellas against a makeshift Juventus side who fought all the way and were unlucky not to draw.

Polonia v. Alexander 3-1

Polonia's all-round superiority and skill proved more than a match for Alexander which showed little else except enthusiasm.

Scorers: Polonia — Kowalec, Gajda and Hildebrand; Alexander — Mangopoulos.

Slavia v. Lions 4-1

Playing well below par and missing many easy scoring chances, Slavia still coasted home against a poor Lions beset by troubles before they took the field and losing Sharp before half time, when he was ordered off.

Scorers: Slavia — Savage (2), Laraman and McCorquodale; Lions — Roseweir.

JUST v. Croatia 2-2

JUST were lucky to gain a draw as their equalizer looked suspicious.

It was a tough match with many midfield scuffles, climaxed by the expulsion of Stankovic.

George Cross v. Wilhelmina 5-0

Melbourne v. Hakoah 1-1

ADELAIDE CLUBS READY FOR SEASON OPENING

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

South Australian clubs are frantically organising last minute transfers, international clearances and registrations in time for the new season which kicks off on April 16.

West Adelaide Hellas **have agreed to pay $700 to Enfield City for Tom Forde.**

As part of the unique transfer deal, Hellas and Enfield played a friendly fixture at Hindmarsh on Easter Monday.

The Greek club's other capture is Dimitrios Rizos, 19, a forward who could force his way into the top side early in the season.

Second division club Pt. Adelaide, who set the first division fraternity reeling by signing former SA forwards Johnny Baines and Brian McGreevey, have added another State attacker to their side — Ted Donnelly, from Cumberland.

USC Lion have released Andy Balter to Croatia and Dragovic to Beograd.

The 1965 premiers have bought Jim Savage from Elizabeth City and received overseas clearences for Clive Parton, Joe Baxter and Graham Mullins.

Polonia have not secured any new players since their Ampol Cup success but could lose Marian Kolecki and Richard Urbaniak to the Australian Army.

In addition to negotiations completed, Juventus defenders Tom Crawford and Arnold Jennings have asked for clearances.

Ray Firth is seeking a clearance from Birkalla to Croatia.

Croatia are expected to re-double their efforts to obtain an overseas release for Les Galambos following last Sunday's great trial effort against Birkalla.

VICTORIAN TABLE

Polonia	3	—	—	7	1	6
Slavia	3	—	—	8	3	6
Croatia	2	1	—	9	4	5
JUST	2	1	—	8	6	5
Geo. Cross	2	—	1	7	3	4
Melbourne	1	1	1	4	4	3
Hellas	1	—	2	4	4	2
Hakoah	—	1	2	2	4	1
Juventus	—	—	3	2	6	—
Lions	—	—	3	2	9	—
Wilhelmina	—	—	3	—	11	—

Adelaide program

Saturday, April 16.

First Division.

Austria v. Juventus
Croydon Park
Referee: W. Hosie.

Enfield City v. USC Lion
Enfield Reserve
Referee: D. Grant.

Hellas v. Victoria
Hindmarsh Stadium
Referee: K. Candy.

Croatia v. Polonia
Hanson Rserve
Referee: R. Pearce.

Burnside-B'pest v. Cumberl'd
Olympic Sports Field
Referee: J. Wharton.

Second Division.

Azzurri v. South Adelaide
Referee: J. Spires.

Malta v. Port Adelaide
Referee: A. Frost

Birkalla v. Beograd
Referee: M. O'Malley.

Orange-Sturt v. Elizabeth C.
Referee: D. Gardner.

Windsor v. Wakefield
Referee: J. Baldwin.

A LOW LOOK AT MELBOURNE AND ITS DOINGS

● ERNIE DECIDES TO STAY

Shock ending to the Ernie Ackerley-South Melbourne Hellas-Pan Hellenic transfer episode is that the player has changed his mind about moving to Sydney and will now remain in Melbourne.

The transfer which has been "on" for the past two weeks was regarded as so much of a certainty that Ackerley was included in the Pan Hellenic line-up for last weekend's game against South Coast United.

Obviously induced to stay and probably benefiting financially, Ernie Ackerley is a cousin of the former APIA player Stan Ackerley who returned to England late last season.

A product of Manchester schools football, Ernie was second leading goalscorer in the State League in 1965, he was at one time on the books of Manchester United before joining fourth division side Barrow.

An ambling type of centre forward who possesses a terrific shot in either foot Ackerley's decision to stay put in Melbourne provides a fillip for Victorian soccer who have lost too many star players to Sydney in the past.

● HAKOAH'S TRIPLE SIGNING SPREE

Alarmed at two defeats in their first two games Hakoah have embarked on a big spending spree in a bid to retrieve their position and have signed Dick Van Alphen the Wilhelmina centre half, Ian Gow the Triestina forward and Marko Pegovic, a forward from Makedonia.

But the Hakoah coffers are not likely to have been disturbed, as only recently they got big fees for Robertson and McIvor from Alexander and for Howlett from Makedonia.

Dick Van Alphen who has appeared many times for Victoria at centre half and who came from Holland four years ago to Wilhelmina reappeared for the Ringwood side two weeks ago against Polonia after a long absence from the game through injury and disagreement with the club.

Recently he was contemplating returning to Holland if another club had not bought his transfer.

Ian Gow, a 23-year-old Londoner was on Watford's books as a junior before coming to Ballarat four years ago, has been one of the few stars of Triestina.

He joined Fiorentina who later amalgamated with Triestina two years ago from Ballarat and can play equally well at inside forward or centre.

Marko Pegovic, a 26-year-old forward from Yugoslavia joined JUST almost three seasons ago but last season was allowed to go to Makedonia in the first division.

With the imminent return of Ian Monan (recovering from a fractured skull in the Hakoah-Alexander game) and these three new signings, the Hakoah management can now breathe an air of optimism.

● VETERAN A HERO

The best supported side in Victoria and perhaps in Australia is SM Hellas, especially if they are in a winnig vein or bring a new player from Greece who is well known to the Greek community in Melbourne.

However, the Hellas support dwindles when they are on the losing end. But all over they make a mighty contribution to top Melbourne soccer.

Take last Sunday for example when Hellas, who had failed to collect even one point from their opening two games, played Juventus who have lost much of their support and also lost their two opening games.

A 12,000 crowd at Middle Park.

Admittedly it was the sole Easter Sunday attraction.

But the man who brought a few thousand along was new centre forward Con Nestorides who had the distinction of scoring the only goal which made him a hero with the Greek community in Melbourne.

Con, despite being 36 years old, was also a hero in Greece where he had played with top side AEK and wore the international colors of his country no less than 36 times.

A regular first division player until last season, he had in fact played a few first team games this season with AEK before coming to Melbourne to join Hellas as player-coach.

Nestorides' annual salary with Hellas as player-coach will be around the $4,000 mark.

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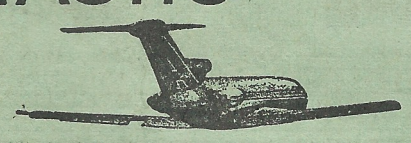

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ROUND THE WORLD

The North Korean World Cup squad last week completed a successful tour of Red China. They played eight matches against provincial teams all over China and won seven matches and drew one, 2-2 at Shanghai. North Korea will play a match against the Chinese national team at Pyong Yang, the Korean capital, on June 5, before the North Koreans fly to the Soviet Union for a series of "warm-up" matches before the World Cup finals.

From Atletico with thanks

Each Barcelona player received a $200 bonus for beating Real Madrid in the second last round of the Spanish first division. The twist, however, is that the bonus was paid by Atletico Madrid who won the title as a result of Real's defeat. These incentive bonuses are quite legal in Spain and no eyebrows were raised at Atletico's generosity.

Taca Brasil is open

Five clubs — Vasco da Gama, Santos, Corinthians, Botafogo and Palmeiras — are in the running to win the Taca Brasil, the annual competition between the first five teams of Rio and Sao Paulo. Santos, with Pele, and Corinthians with Garrincha are slightly favored. Nearly one million spectators have watched the 16 matches so far.

Partizan's revolt

A revolt by Partizan Belgrade players is looming following the club's delay in paying the $300 bonus promised for beating Sparta Prague in the quarterfinals of the European Cup. One player, Vasovic, has refused to play until he is paid.

Generous Norwich fans

Norwich president Geoffrey Watling last week received a $25,000 cheque from club supporters. The generous Norwich fans have now donated $480,000 to club funds in the last eight years.

Osgood in England squad

Peter Osgood, the 18-year-old "find" of the English season, has been included in the list of 40 players from which the English World Cup squad of 22 will be chosen. Osgood, Australian fans will recall, toured with Chelsea last year.

Record fee for teenager

Colin Bell became the most expensive British teenage footballer two weeks ago when he was transferred from Bury to Manchester City for $110,000. The 19-year-old half back will earn $135 a week. Bell has received offers from Tottenham, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Blackpool and Northampton before chosing to join Manchester City. Highest transfer for a teenager before Bell's move was for Chelsea's Jim McCalliog ($90,000 to Sheffield United).

No Korean visitors

North Korea and Bulgaria are the only two World Cup finalists who still haven't asked for tickets. Last week Uruguay booked 85 seats and the Soviet Union 345. Brazil still leads with 6,760 bookings but once the Cup gets under way the organisers expect at least 15,000 West Germans, 10,000 Frenchmen and 6,000 Italians at their teams' matches.

● Rudi Brunnenmaier's series of 70 consecutive appearances was interrupted last week. The Munchen 1860 and West German international centre-forward twisted his knee and will be out of action for two weeks.

● Sandro Mazzola may better his father Valentino's Italian goalscoring record of 29 goals in one season. The young Inter centre-forward has scored 23 goals so far with eight league matches remaining.

● The Poland v. Hungary match has been postponed until May 3 at Chorzow. The match was to have been played on April 20.

● Derry City, the Northern Irish club, have been barred from the European Cup competition for three years and fined $600 for refusing to play a return match at home against Belgium's Anderlecht in this year's European Cup.

● Portugal is sending national coach Otto Gloria, a Brazilian, back home for a month to "spy" on Brazil's World Cup squad. Brazil, Hungary and Bulgaria are in Portugal's World Cup group.

● As from next season only the FA Cup final will be televised live in Britain. European Cup matches and international games, too, will be barred to BBC and commercial stations.

● Tommy Walker, the Hearts of Midlothian coach, will take all his first team players to England to watch the World Cup at Hearts' expense.

● Irene Greaves, wife of English international Jimmy Greaves, gave birth to a baby girl last week. This is the Greaves' second child.

● Did you know that Inter Milan haven't conceded a penalty in their last 64 matches?

● VfB Stuttgart's Yugoslav international Popovic is leaving the club at the end of the season to undertake a two-year course at Cologne's famous coaching academy.

● Orvar Bergmark, the former great Swedish centre-half is also a top class ice-skater. Since retiring from soccer he plays first division ice-hockey for Candy Orebro.

● Werder Bremen, last year's West German champions, will play two matches against Argentina's World Cup squad in Buenos Aires at the end of May.

● Vladimir Beara, Yugoslavia's greatest ever goalkeeper will no longer train second division Swiss club Fribourg next season. Beara will probably return to West Germany.

● Pele will probably have a new team-mate in Santos' forward line next season. Santos officials flew to Portugal last week to negotiate the transfer of Raul Amaury, a former Flamengo (Rio) centre-forward, now with Porto.

● France scored a surprise 2-1 win over Italy at Gorizia in a first round match of the European Amateur Nations' Cup.

● Uruguay's World Cup squad was beaten 1-2 by the country's top club, Penarol, in a "warm-up" match last week.

SCOREBOARD

FRANCE: Nantes v. Red Star 3-0; Valenciennes v. Toulouse 1-1; St. Etienne v. Lens 2-0; Sochaux v. Cannes 3-1; Strasbourg v. Monaco 1-1; Rouen v. Angers 4-0; Nimes v. Lyon 0-0; Rennes v. Bordeaux 2-0; Sedan v. Stade Francais 0-0; Nice v. Lille 2-0.

ITALY: Bologna v. Atalanta 3-0; Brescia v. Torino 2-1; Cagliari v. Catania 3-1; Foggia v. Fiorentina 0-0; Roma v. Milan AC 1-0; Juventus v. Lazio 0-0; Vicenza v. Napoli 2-0; Varese v. Sampdoria 1-2; Inter Milan v. Spal 2-1.

YUGOSLAVIA: Rijeka v. Velez 1-0; Sarajevo v. Radnicki Nis 2-2; Olimpija v. Red Star Belgrade 3-3; Radnicki Belgrade v. Vojvodina 1-3; Tresnjevka v. Hajduk 3-0; Partizan v. Dinamo Zagreb 2-0; Zagreb v. Zeljeznicar 1-0; Vardar v. OFK Belgrade 2-0.

Brazil preselects 45

Brazil last week selected 45 players for the defence of the World Cup. They are goalkeepers Fabio, Gilmar, Manga, Valdir and Mota; right backs Alberto, Djalma Santos, Fidelis and Murilo; left backs Henrique, Rildo, De Souza and Aldair Barchi; centre halves Bellini, Brito, Freitas and Djalma; right halves Fefeu, Gerson, Dino Sani and Altair; left halves Denilson, Dudu, Lima, Zito and Leonidas; inside forwards (left and right) Dias Roberto, Orlando, Fontana, Pele, Celio, Ivair, Parada, Silva, Tostao; centre-forwards Flavio, Servillo, Alcindo; right wingers Garrincha, Jairzinho, Paulo Borges and Lassalvia and left wingers Edu, Parana and Rinaldo.

Flying winger back

Garrincha, recently transferred from Botafogo to Corinthians, has reached top form again after two years of relative obscurity caused by injuries and marital problems. Garrincha is certain to be in the Brazilian party to England.

To the party's aid

No less than seven of the 16 World Cup finalists hope to include players in their teams who are abroad. These are the expatriates who may be recalled: France: Combin and Muller; Switzerland: Allemann; Chile: Toro; Uruguay: Matosas, Cubillas, Dalmao, Pavoni, Roland, Silveira, Maidana; Spain: Suarez, Peiro, Del Sol; Germany: Haller, Brulls, Schnellinger; Brazil: Jair, Amarildo.

● Mexico City's ultra-modern Aztec Stadium will be inaugurated on April 24 with an international match between Mexico and Chile. The 1970 World Cup final will be played at the 125,000-capacity stadium.

● The European Cup-Winners' Cup semifinals between Liverpool and Celtic will be played on April 14 and 19. Glasgow gets the first leg match.

● Slavia Prague beat MTK-Budapest 2-0 in a return Mitropa Cup match. Slavia won the tie, having only lost 0-1 in Budapest.

● France and Belgium meet in Paris next Wednesday. France's last win over Belgium was in 1957 — 6-3 in Paris.

● Spartak Moscow will represent the USSR in the 1966-67 European Cup-Winners' Cup and Torpedo Moscow have entered the Champions' Cup.

● Last year's Swiss Cup winners, Sion, will play six matches in Central and South America later this month.

● The North Korean party to the World Cup will number 65 people, including 20 players. The others will be coaches, cooks, masseurs and officials.

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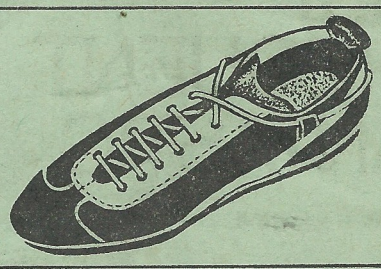
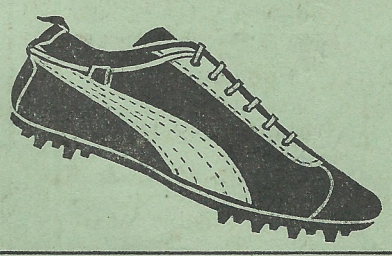
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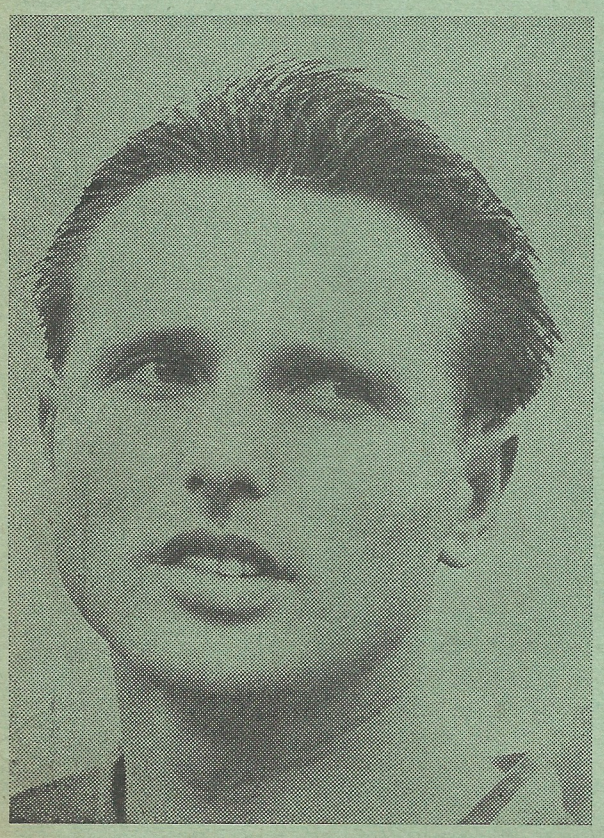
SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

All's not well down Woonona way. It is rumored that talented youngsters Beattie, De Bruyn and Telfer are hankering for a transfer. Talented centre-forward Tom Mulqueeney, too, was seeking a transfer until last Sunday when he was reinstated in South Coast's first team.

STILL WAITING...



The future of Australia's World Cup team captain Les Scheinflug is still very uncertain. The 27-year-old star cannot secure the terms he wants from Prague this season. Croatia and Pan Hellenic want him desperately but won't pay the $5,000 Prague are asking. So Scheinflug, although still in training, will sit the competition out undeterminedly.

Brilliant Polonia-NS half-back Ginter Gawlik and his family have received their visas and air tickets. Gawlik, his wife and two daughters are expected in Sydney in the next few days.

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Erich Schwarz, the former Yugal forward, is in Austria. Schwarz will undergo a knee operation in Vienna.

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Peter Hrncir, the Prague utility player, will soon leave for a trip around the world. Hrncir expects to spend a few weeks in Caracas, Venezuela, where he played before joining Hakoah in 1959.

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Hakoah may soon sign a former first division Yugoslav forward who came from Melbourne last week. He is Radko Mladenovic, whose brother Vera had played for JUST and Victoria.

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Melita Eagles have signed St. George halfback Frank Lang. The club is also looking for a goalscoring forward to put some sting in their forward-line. Lang will be on loan for the 1966 season.

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The progressive Western United club will set up a special committee to study whether they can link up with all the junior clubs in the Blacktown area. The second division club rightly feels there should be closer relations between all soccer clubs in the district.

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Hans Friedl, the young Swiss-born Bankstown goalkeeper broke his finger last week and has to wear a splint.

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Johnny Thomson was last week appointed manager of the NSW team that will play AS Roma. The NSW tour co-ordinator will be president Frank Parsons.

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With Pompor, Lang and Magyar gone, St. George's Hungarian contingent has been reduced to one: Tibor Zuckerman.

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Stefan Cambal, Prague's coach is almost certain to leave Australia at the expiration of his contract later this year.

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Newly promoted second division Hornsby-North End have plans to build a clubhouse adjacent to their own ground soon. The ambitious Hornsby committee aims to bring the club to first division within three years.

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John Galambos will stay with Croatia. The lanky forward and his club have agreed on terms for another season. To celebrate the "reconciliation", Galambos banged in two goals last weekend.

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Hakoah's reserve grade left fullback Ron Skates broke his wrist against Prague last Saturday.

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The next basic skill coaching course for junior coaches and managers will start in the Sutherland Shire on Monday, April 18. The duration of the course will be 13 weeks, held on each Monday at 8.30 pm in the North Caringbah Boys Scout Hall, Cawarra Rd., Caringbah, next to the North Caringbah public school. Successful participants receive a basic skill coaching certificate after a practical and written examination. For further particulars please ring W.N. Stoevelaar. Night 99-8660, daytime 71-7550.

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Western United have signed on the McCann brothers, Jim and Ray, from Marconi as well as Bob Kelly, another former Marconi player.

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Melita Eagles are trying to hurry the return of their star halfback Bill Binnie from his native Scotland where he is holidaying.

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Wollongong Olympic last weekend included two 18-year-olds in their first team against Melita Eagles. They were former Tarrawanna juniors Pinazza and Waterman, both of whom played well and were not overawed by the occasion.

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IVO Djukic, the Yugal 'keeper, played centre-forward for the club's reserve side against Corinthians last Sunday. He showed up well and even scored a goal. Djukic is no stranger to the forward-line, having played at centre-forward before becoming a goalkeeper.

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Jimmy Comonsoli, Cumberland's stalwart goalkeeper, too, had a fling in the reserve forward line against Croatia last Saturday, playing at outside right.

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Frank Haffey, St. George's Scottish ex-international, will have to undergo lengthy medical treatment for his injured back.

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Vic Gallacher, the Pan Hellenic forward, was married last Monday. Team-mate Dick Johnston was his best man.

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Many spectators complained angrily last Saturday at the behaviour of some of the ball boys at the Hakoah-Prague match. The two ball boys at the eastern side of the ground continually played with the spare ball, blocking the spectators' view. Announcer Bill Kadison had to call the offending lads to order after a spectator had complained.

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Hakoah youngster Mick Bell has asked for a transfer. The newly married 20-year-old Bell claims he has been offered attractive terms by a first division club he doesn't want to name at this stage.

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It was hard to understand why the Yugal team was greeted with such sustained boos and catcalls when they took the field against Croatia in their Federation Cup quarterfinal match at Arlington Oval last Monday. Let's hope this does not start a new, unsportsmanlike trend in Sydney soccer. To boo and jeer in the heat of the action is one thing, but to show such cold, unwarranted hostility to a team the moment they appear is another which has no place in sport.

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Ken Booth, the Hornsby-North End centre-half, was one of the stars of his team's shock 2-2 draw against Polonia-NS last weekend. Booth is only 17 and has come up from Hornsby district junior ranks. He has been with the club for three years. His coach Theo van der Broek is confident he will soon reach the top.

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Several St. George-Budapest fans plan to travel together to see the World Cup in July.

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Sydney 2nd & 3rd grade summaries

SECOND GRADE

Hakoah: Wilson, B. Berne, Skates, McKnight, Cooney, Coutts, Gold, Lakmaker, Reid, Bogie, E. Berne. GOALS: Reid (2), Gold, Bogie.

Prague: King, Fenton, Tory, Hiron, Henderson, Paterson, Miner, Lissing, Preston, Beard, Robbins.

Referee: L. Rae.

Croatia: Fraser, Bonazza, Mikula, Cush, Ledezma, Nadj, Nutt, Bitunjac, Guerrera, Mitchell, Tomicic. GOALS: Nutt (2), Bitunjac, Guerrera.

Cumberland: Fisher, Addison, Haggett, Charlton, McPhail, Keen, Comonsoli, Collins, Gallagher, Keddie, Hartshone. GOAL: Keddie.

Referee: J. Hinkelman.

St. George: Sokoloff, , Wills, Murphy, Zuckermann, Morgan, Bird, Tyrrell, Hillhouse, Caldwell, Burt, Nutley. GOALS: Caldwell, Hillhouse, Burt.

APIA: Mazzina, Arduin, Williams, Coles, Pride, Cleverley, McKinnon, Garcia, G. Giacometti, Butler, Marchetto. GOAL: Garcia.

Referee: W. Irons.

Yugal: Jurican, C. Kosanic, G. Clancy, Crnich, Cliff, Stosich, Eminouski, Edwards, Djukic, Bowman, Grbacki. GOALS: Crnich, Edwards, Djukic, Grbacki.

Corinthians: Grushot, R. Clark, L. Clark, Morgan, Walaman, Gray, Yates, Amey, Price, Richards, Taylor.

Referee: L. Smit.

SCU: Gerrards, Malason, Kerr, Sutherland, Orphan, Davis, Kenning, Teeney, Henry, Lodge, Telfer. GOALS: Telfer, Kenning.

P. Hellenic: Root, Dimitriadis, Omeros, J. Smith, Walker, Kazacos, Demos, Ridding, Bardetta, D. Tracey, Hannan. GOAL: Omeros.

Referee: E. Truppe.

THIRD GRADE

Hakoah: Jackman, Mitford, Bertinetti, Woods, Migliacio, Scicluna, Reichard, Bauer, V. Berne, Devine, Perry.

Prague: Leach, Loveday, Salzman, L. Rootsey, G. Rootsey, Purcell, Armytage, Craig, Manuel, Scarfone, Smith. GAOLS: Manuel (3), Craig (2), Scarfone (2).

Refere: M. Buchanan.

Croatia: J. Saric, Batanaras, Phillips, Maciejik, M. Saric, Alce, Gunnic, J. Kakakios, Knicek, Caran, N. Kakakios. GOAL: N. Kakakios.

Cumberland: Hopkins, Williams, Riley, Fairley, Richards, Quested, Wall, Maes, Dort, Crocker, Vincent. GOAL: Dort.

Referee: L. Giles.

Yugal: A. Urge, Terz, J. Kosanic, Glenday, Kraft, P. Clancy, Sliskovic, Tomich, L. Urge, Volac, Katsonos. GOAL: Ambrose (Corinthians; own goal).

Corinthians: Gorman, Clark, Y. Wolowszckykow, S. Woods, Ambrose, Cottle, D. Woods, McLees, Sambrook, Stewart, W. Wolowszckykow. GOALS: D. Woods, Sambrook.

Referee: D. Faraone.

St. George: Ball, Petratos, Champion, Matthews, Grant, Ralph, Pascoe, Adams, P. Mansfield, Bushby, Melos.

APIA: Allen, Callaghan, Packin, Browning, Parkin, Butler, Bruce, Massi, Haywood, Campbell, Campani. GOAL: Campani.

Referee: S. Liebermann.

SCU: Shannon, Whitefield, Gard, Meredith, Jones, McCance, M. We.eks, Martin, T. Weeks, Henry, Harris. GOAL: Henry.

P. Hellenic: Maglis, Nicopoulos, Stevenson, Frame, Petrou, Mouhtazis, Koudounis, Vrolyks, Szetmery, Bardetta, Coleman. GOALS: Bardetta (2), Koudounis.

Referee: R. Oakman.

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BEN NATHAN:

"Any Pro League may well succeed"

The NSW management committee last week unanimously accepted the resignation of its chairman, Ben Nathan.

He also resigned as president of the NSW Federation and member of the management committee.

Another member, Walter Sternberg, also resigned in a pre-dated letter, that will be in force from April 18.

Both were allegedly implicated in breakaway moves, following NSW's decision to shelve the National League plan indefinitely.

The few hectic days preceding last week's crisis were almost unparallelled in the turbulent history of soccer in Australia.

In the best traditions of a South American banana-republic, some officials conspired to bring about a coup —bloodless or otherwise.

Two executives of the Hakoah club were reported to have been behind the moves.

They made several official statements and eventually had a hand in arranging a "press conference" at which Ben Nathan and Walter Sternberg were supposed to announce their resignations.

According to some rumors, they enjoyed the support of two other NSW clubs as well as some from Victoria and South Australia.

However, when the time for a showdown arrived, the instigators stood alone.

The NSW management committee promptly cited Ben Nathan to appear before a special sub-committee to answer charges.

When he was unable to deny all the allegations, he submitted his resignation which was accepted at once.

After his resignation, Ben Nathan told pressmen that he decided to quit mainly because his views on soccer's future "differ vastly from those of most other administrators."

"It has become almost impossible to serve soccer locally," he said.

"The basis must be much wider.

"I am certain that after 1966 NSW will again revive the idea for a National League because at present there is no great incentive for clubs to improve their standards and amenities.

"The only way of doing this is to start a professional league."

Asked if he would associate himself with any new breakway moves, he said he would refuse.

"However, if a number of clubs from all States wanted me to be their spokesman in forming a pro league, I'd be very interested."

In theory, he said a breakaway could be successful.

"Some clubs could organise themselves into a new league and then be expelled by the ASF.

"However, if they went about it the right way, a pro league could be most successful whether it started legally or illegally."

Ben Nathan was elected president of the NSW Federation in February 1963, following the sudden death of Dr. H. Seamonds.

From 1951 onwards he was a supporter and then executive member of the Hakoah club.

First he served there as assistant treasurer, later became club president.

In 1957 he played a leading part in the formation of the Federation — one of the really popular breakaway moves in Sydney soccer.

One of his close associates in the 1957 revolt was Walter Sternberg.

Now, after nine years, they both seem certain to lose most of their influence in NSW soccer.

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Croatia beaten in shock Fed. Cup result

St. George and Yugal qualified for the semifinals of the Sydney Federation Cup last Monday.

A crowd of 4,400 in brilliant sunshine at Arlington Oval saw St. George easily, but unconvincingly, beat Canterbury 3-0 and Yugal score a shock 2-0 win over the much vaunted Croatia.

St. George v. Canterbury 3-0

The leg-weary Saints gave an unimpressive display to beat the young, unexperienced Berries who fielded four teenagers.

ROGER HILLARY (St. George)

There was never any doubt St. George would win as their superior class was always evident but Canterbury came close to scoring a few times.

St. George's defence was always on top but their forwards lacked sparkle and found it surprisingly hard to penetrate Canterbury's defence.

St. George: Clarke 3; Isaac 4, Hillary 3; Schaefer 3, Banicevic 4, Zuckerman 4; Todd 3, Warren 4, Sandell 2, Yardley 3, Fernandez 3.
Coach: L. Hegyes. **Total:** 36

Canterbury: Taylor 4; Kirgin 3, Dricos 3; Geppert 4, Dougan 4, Clark 3; Hanna 2, Romanos 3, Groll 2, Newman 2, Jamieson 2.
Coach: B. Birch. **Total:** 32

Scorers: Sandell 26 min, Warren 58 min, Fernandez 70 min for St. George.
Referee: F. Woolman.

Yugal v. Croatia 2-0

In a shock reversal of form Yugal outplayed Croatia and thoroughly deserved their clear cut win.

Croatia's speed early looked as though it might enable them to run their slower opponents off their feet but Yugal's defence never wilted.

Dunaj played one of his best games for a long time and inspired his team-mates.

Yugal were in complete control in the second half and gave the disjointed, dispirited Croatia a football lesson.

Highlight of the entire afternoon was Bobic's second goal — a magnificent first time shot from a perfect Alagich cross.

JOE ALAGICH (Yugal)

Yugal: Nezmah 4; Nacinovic 3, Rafaneli 4; Lazarevic 4, Stojanovic 4, **Dunaj 5**; Alagich 3, Bouman 3, Bobic 4, Fray 3, Pacanin 4.
Coach: F. Dunaj. **Total:** 41

Croatia: Collazo 4; Lincoln 4, Bonham 3; Baker 4, Ledezma 4, Frazer 3; Dove 2, Massey 2, Galambos 1, Giles 4, Nutt 2. **Coach:** L. Baumgartner. **Total:** 33

Scorer: Bobic 50 and 57 mins for Yugal.
Referee: L. Wilson.
Crowd: 4,400 (double-header).

Upgrading school soccer is vital

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Despite the increase in school soccer, abundant evidence exists that the image of the game in the schools has to be improved before the code gains even a percentage of the benefit which it should gain.

Manly High Schools play soccer without giving it the position in the sports calendar that the game deserves.

Soccer people, let it be said, have often not done enough to remedy the situation.

Soccer organisation has never properly handled the problem.

The Federation has not shown enough interest.

The NSW Amateur Association does not represent the Amateurs of the State, and has no developmental funds for schools.

It is, in effect and public acceptance, a junior body.

And so opportunity slips through the fingers of both bodies.

If ever there was a case for handling broad junior problems through the Federation's administrative set-up it is this.

Improve image

To improve soccer's image the game must be made competitive in the combined High Schools and other school organisations.

C.H.S. Soccer Convenor, Rod Weiss of South Strathfield High School, is submitting to the NSW Federation a sound scheme.

The Federation will be asked to supply each school in the Tasman Cup with a football and limited expenses, and one football for every school grade team.

At the ridiculously cheap price that the Education Department buys football the scheme should be practical.

Senior soccer administration has to realise that soccer must be competitive with other sports.

This year's school sport is affected by a poll amongst sportsmasters, which will cause many schools to transfer from Rugby League to Rugby Union.

Some sportsmasters prefer Union as the amateur game, and others claim there is no "bashing".

Many headmasters follow the sporting codes recommended by their sportsmasters.

Soccer will have to compete in close collaboration with the school bodies.

If not, we will remain the cinderella code everywhere, and continue to miss out on young players.

Some Rugby Union experts have said that it does not matter what game is played as youngsters.

They concentrate on secondary boys as they are ready to go to senior football.

And, let it be said, their policy will continue to pay full dividends until soccer wakes up.

PRESIDENT WAS LOCAL JUNIOR

The NSW Federation president, Frank Parsons, learnt his soccer with Adamstown school and junior club.

He was eight years old when he first played — with a weak under-14 side.

In those days under-14 was the youngest age group, which is generally under-7s today.

Parsons recalls winning many competitions as a junior.

Amongst his team-mates was one of Australia's most constructive inside forwards, Alan Johns, John Walker, Ray Dunn and goalkeeper Vince Gleeson, who represented the North on many occasions.

In spite of his many duties, he has been coaching a team each Saturday for Pennant Hills Junior Sports Club.

He told me that the code must produce more and more locally-grown youngsters to succeed.

He said there was not enough support for the District Representative League (under-16s and 18s.)

The League is the key to much of the Federation's planning, and coaches are being provided at considerable expense to give boys the chance to go ahead in soccer.

He feels that ways should be found to obtain 100 per cent entries from all districts.

Parsons said that the huge increase in soccer in the Gosford-Wyong district would soon demand more recognition from soccer authorities.

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